

2017 - 2018 Snowmobile Accidents

| 2017 2018 Season | Number Involved | Injury | County | Date | Day | Time | Operator's Sex | Operator's Age | Terrain | Weather | Alcohol or Drugs | Cause/Description |
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| Property Damage | 1 | None | Lake | 12/11/17 | Mon | 4:10 PM | M | 49 | Public Road | Clear | No | Operator lost control of snowmobile while turning and slid into two different mailboxes, knocking them down. |
| Serious | 1 | Fractured hand, broken rib and abrasions to face | Lee | 12/29/17 | Fri | 11:00 PM | M | 40 | Public Road - Right of Way | Snowing | No | Operator did not see drop off at a culvert / ditch area and drove off the end. Crashing front first, causing the operator to go over the handlebars and hit the ground. Unfamiliar with area and careless operation. |
| Serious | 1 | Broken lower leg | Kendall | 12/30/17 | Sat | 2:40 PM | F | 15 | Private Yard | Clear | No | First time operating a snowmobile, operator struck a rock, then a tree. Operator had not completed a safety course. Inexperience and careless operation resulted in accident. |
| Fatal | 1 | | Rock Island | 01/01/18 | Mon | 3-8 PM | M | 32 | Right of Way - Ditch | Clear | Yes | While operating under the influence of alcohol and drugs, operator went airborne and landed under the snowmobile in a shallow drainage ditch. |
| Minor | 2 | Treated and released | McHenry | 01/18/18 | Thur | 9:00 PM | M | 21 / 27 | River | Clear | No | Unit 1 was skipping open water . Once he made it across , he observed a snowmobile coming around the curve directly in front of him. Both units were unable to avoid the collision and hit head on. Both operators were ejected and one snowmobile caught fire. Careless operation. |
| Serious | 1 passenger | Possible paralysis, lower vertebrae | McHenry | 01/20/18 | Sat | 12:44 AM | F | 34 | River / Sandbank | Clear | Yes | Passenger fell off of snowmobile when it exited the frozen ice to the shore bank at a high rate of speed. Traveling too fast for conditions. |
| Serious | 1 | Broken shoulder, fractured leg, internal injuries and back injury | Livingston | 2/8/2018 | Thur | 12:10 AM | M | 21 | Farm Field waterway | Clear | No | While riding across a farm field, the operator struck a waterway in the field which caused his snowmobile to go airborne. Upon impact with the ground he was thrown from his snowmobile. Traveling too fast for conditions. |
| Minor | 1 | Broken shoulder, fractured vertebrae, and broken ankle | Livingston | 2/8/2018 | Thur | 12:10 AM | M | 20 | Farm Field waterway | Clear | No | While riding across a farm field, the operator struck a waterway in the field which caused his snowmobile to go airborne. Upon impact with the ground he was thrown from his snowmobile. Traveling too fast for conditions. |

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| Minor | 2 | Injuries to chest, wrist, back, neck and chipped teeth | Ogle | 2/9/2018 | Fri | 9:30 PM | M | 35 | Public Road | Clear | No | While driving on the road surface, snowmobile was drawn down in a ditch due to heavy snow. To avoid getting stuck, operator rapidly accelerated causing the snow to blind his view. He struck the culvert, throwing him and the passenger off. Collision with fixed object. |
| Fatal | 1 | | Will | 2/9/2018 | Fri | 12:50 PM | M | 38 | Public Road | Snowing | No | Operator was traveling at a high rate of speed and missed access point to trail. He was off trail on a public road and crossed the middle line colliding into an oncoming truck. |
| Property Damage | 1 | No injury | Winnebago | 2/9/02018 | Fri | 7:30 PM | M | 33 | Public Trail Private Land | Clear | No | Operator was avoiding a scene of two police vehicles, not realizing they were blocking a flooded trail. He submerged his snowmobile in the flooded field. Careless operation and unfamiliar with area |
| Minor | 1 | Hip and leg pain | Lake | 2/10/2018 | Sat | 6:10 PM | M | 59 | Lake | Clear | No | Operator was cutting across a frozen lake, traveling faster than his reaction time for the field of view the headlight provided. He came upon a duck blind and had enough time to jump off his snowmobile before impact. Traveling too fast for conditions. |
| Minor | 1 | No treatment | McHenry | 2/11/2018 | Sun | 3:00 PM | M | 46 | Public Trail Public Land | Clear | No | Operator hit a dip at the entrance of a bridge, causing him to veer off trail and impact with the bridge railing. Collision with fixed object. |
| Serious | 1 | Broken back and shattered ankle | Whiteside | 2/11/2018 | Sun | 1:15 PM | F | 19 | Public road | Clear | No | Operator failed to yield to traffic when entering on public road. She collided with an oncoming vehicle. |
| Serious | 2 | Broken clavicle and dislocated shoulder | Livingston | 3/26/2018 | Sun | 1:42 PM | M/F | 39/50 | Private Field | Clear | No | Unit 1 and Unit 2 were leading a group of six snowmobiles. Unit 1 went into a waterway in the field and impacted with the opposite bank. Unit 2 was following behind and impacted Unit 1 in the rear of the snowmobile. Collision with another snowmobile. |